

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-34 and 39 are pending in this case. Claim 39 is amended and Claim 38 is canceled by the present amendment. The changes to Claim 39 only correct matters of form and, therefore, add no new matter.

The outstanding Office Action indicated that Claims 12-34 and 39 were allowed and rejected Claim 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

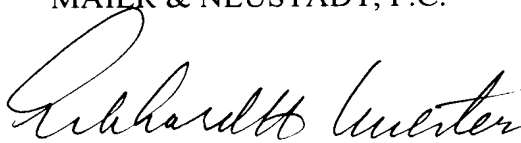
Claim 38 is canceled and, thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claim 38 is moot. Claim 39 is amended only to correct matters of form.

With the cancellation of Claim 38, the currently-pending claims are Claims 12-34 and 39, which were indicated as allowed.

Consequently, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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